

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the written description:

Please amend the paragraph in the present specification starting at page 16, line 12 and ending on page 17, line 10 as follows:

The present cosmetic may further comprise one or more of a water-soluble or ~~water-swelling~~ water-swelling polymer (E). Examples of the water-soluble or ~~water-swelling~~ water-swelling polymer include plant origin polymers, such as gum arabic, tragacanth, galactan, carob gum, guar gum, karaya gum, carrageenan, pectin, agar, quince seed, starch (rice, corn, potato, wheat), ~~alge~~ algae colloid, tranto gum and locust bean gum; microbial polymers, such as xanthan gum, dextran, succinoglucan and pullulan; animal polymers, such as collagen, casein, albumin and gelatin; starch polymers, such as carboxymethyl starch and methylhydroxypropyl starch; cellulose polymers, such as methyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose, methylhydroxypropyl cellulose, carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, nitrocellulose, sodium cellulose sulfate, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, crystalline cellulose and powdery cellulose; alginic acid polymers, such as sodium alginate and propylene glycol ester of alginic acid; vinyl polymers, such as polyvinyl methyl ether and carboxyvinyl polymer; polyoxyethylene polymers; polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymers; acrylic polymers, such as sodium polyacrylate, polyethylacrylate and polyacrylamide; other synthetic water-soluble polymers, such as polyethyleneimines and cationic polymers; and inorganic water-soluble polymers, such as bentonite, aluminum magnesium silicate, montmorillonite, beidellite, nontronite, saponite, hectorite and silicic acid anhydride. The water-soluble polymer encompasses film-forming

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agents, such as polyvinyl alcohol and polyvinyl pyrrolidine, are also included. It may be incorporated in the cosmetic in an amount of from 0.1 to 25 wt% based on a total weight of the cosmetic.